

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows
(see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

On page 43, please replace the first full paragraph with the following
substitute paragraph:

c1 The garment of the present embodiment is a leg support garment in which the portion expressed as the stretchable portion (A) having a relatively great straining force is a stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force, and the stretchable part having a relatively great straining force further includes a stretchable portion (B') 143 having a relatively great straining force. The stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force substantially covers the ligamentum collaterale 3 on the medial side of the knee joint of the human body, extends approximately along a vicinity of a periphery of the patella 1 on the medial side thereof so as to surround the patella 1 through at least more than approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the periphery of the patella 1 and to cover a part of inferior and superior regions 4 and 11 of the patella, and reaches a side 5 of the musculus gastrocnemius and the musculus soleus on the medial side. Further, on the superior side of the knee joint, in the femoral region, the stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force extends approximately along the musculus

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semitendinosus and the musculus gracilis, and reaches the vicinity below the crotch 24 and a vicinity of the sulcus gluteus 22. The stretchable portion (B') 143 having a relatively great straining force extends from a side part of the waist 10 approximately along the tractus iliotibialis 9 via a vicinity of the trochanter major 8, then, approximately along the tractus iliotibialis 9 to the lateral side of the patella 1, surrounds the patella 1 through approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ or more of the periphery of the patella 1 so as to cover a part of an inferior region 32 and a superior region 33 of the patella 1, and passes a side 15 of the musculus gastrocnemius and the musculus soleus on the lateral side.

On pages 43-44, please replace the last paragraph starting on page 43 and ending on page 44 with the following substitute paragraph:

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In the foregoing embodiment, two portions 4 and 11 of the stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having relatively great straining forces project toward the medial side therefrom and cover a part of the inferior region 4 and a part of the superior region 11 of the patella 1, respectively. Besides, two portions 32 and 33 of the stretchable portion (B') 143 having relatively great straining forces project toward the lateral side therefrom and cover a part of the inferior region 32 and a part of the superior region 33 of the patella 1, respectively. Here, the two portions 4 and 11 of the stretchable (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force are arranged

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opposite to the two portions 32 and 33 of the stretchable portion (B') 143 having a relatively great straining force, respectively, and at positions slightly shifted to the inferior side from positions of the portions 32 and 33 of the stretchable portion (B') 143 having a relatively great straining force, respectively. Furthermore, when viewed from the front the portion covering the inferior region 4 of the patella 1, of the stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force, has a relatively greater area.

On pages 44-45, please replace the last paragraph starting on page 44 and ending on page 45 with the following substitute paragraph:

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As described above, in the foregoing embodiment, as to the two portions 4 and 11 of the stretchable portion (A2-2) 142 having a relatively great straining force that project to the lateral side and cover a part of the inferior region 4 and a part of the superior region 11 of the patella 1, respectively, and the two portions 32 and 33 of the stretchable portion (B') 143 having a relatively great straining force that project to the medial side and cover a part of the inferior region 32 and a part of the superior region 33 of the patella 1, respectively, the position of the projecting portion 4 is slightly inferior to the position of the projecting portion 32, and the position of the projecting portion 11 is slightly inferior to the position of the projecting portion 32. Therefore, this provides the support of the knee joint as if pulling the medial side

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thereof having fewer muscles more intensely from the inferior side, thereby reinforcing the support of the ligamentum collaterale medialis, which is preferable. However, the projecting portion 4 may be at a position as high as the position of the projecting portion 32, or the projecting portion 11 may be at a position as high as a position of the projecting portion 33. Besides, the two portions 4 and 11 projecting toward the lateral side may further extend over the central line of the anterior side of the leg toward the lateral side, while the portions 32 and 33 opposite thereto may further extend over the central line of the anterior side of the leg toward the medial side. Alternatively, the projecting portions 4 and 32 may be connected with each other, and likewise, the projecting portions 11 and 33 may be connected with each other. Furthermore, the projecting portion 4 may be located at a position shifted slightly to the superior side of the projecting portion 32, while the projecting portion 11 may be located at a position shifted slightly to the superior side of the projecting portion 33.

On pages 62-63, please replace the last paragraph starting on page 62 and ending on page 63 with the following substitute paragraph:

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The garment of the present embodiment is a garment as a modification of the embodiment shown in FIGS. 93 to 96; namely, in the garment of the embodiment shown in FIGS. 93 to 96, the stretchable portion (A²¹) 121a having a